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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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In response to the Office Action dated January 14, 2004, which set a 3-month shortened statutory period for response thereto, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows. A Petition for a 3-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the fee specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), is filed concurrently herewith.

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. Please find enclosed:

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